

## House Resolution 1233

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Corporal Eric Sanders; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Corporal Eric Sanders, an officer of the Georgia Department of Natural  
3 Resources, was recognized with a Meritorious Service Award from the Peace Officers  
4 Association of Georgia on August 25, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, in January, 2009, while patrolling South Rockdale County for deer hunters,  
6 Corporal Sanders came across a pile of trash; and

7 WHEREAS, upon further inspection of the abandoned items, Corporal Sanders found old  
8 mail, an old diamond-faced watch, and an envelope containing savings bonds with a matured  
9 value of over \$10,000; and

10 WHEREAS, after interviewing nearby residents, Corporal Sanders tracked down the owner  
11 of the watch and bonds, Mrs. Mary Morris, at an assisted living facility in Lithonia, Georgia;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Corporal Sanders returned the missing items to Mrs. Morris, who had tears in  
14 her eyes upon seeing the watch her late husband had given her, and the money from the  
15 savings bonds allowed her to remain in her current facility for another year; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of courage who has previously been recognized, Corporal Sanders  
17 received the Officer of the Year for Valor award from the Peace Officers Association of  
18 Georgia several years ago for rescuing a man from a burning car; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
20 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Corporal Sanders and all local  
21 law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
24 Corporal Eric Sanders in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for so many years  
25 and congratulate him upon his receipt of a Meritorious Service Award from the Peace  
26 Officers Association of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Corporal Eric Sanders.